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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR TEST ANNOUNCEMENT: POLAND
RESPONDS QUICKLY AND FIRMLY

REF: A. STATE 169418

¶B. WARSAW 2152

¶C. STATE 166404

Classified By: Political Counselor Mary Curtin, reasons 1.4(b)
and (d)

¶1. (C) In the course of a previously scheduled meeting October 9 with MFA U/S Witold Waszczykowski, DCM delivered the substance of Ref A. Waszczykowski indicated that the GOP fully supported the U.S. position on the North Korean announcement of a nuclear test. MFA Director for East Asia & Pacific Jacek Najder had called in North Korean Ambassador Kim Pyong Il (N.B. step-brother of North Korean President Kim Jong Il) on October 9 to protest the announced test. The MFA issued a sharply worded public statement (text below in para 3), which closely mirrors the Polish message to Ambassador Kim. According to Najder's staff, Kim's response mirrored nearly verbatim DPRK public statements on the test.

¶2. (C) Embassy separately provided to Najder on September 10 Ref A demarche and the text of President Bush's statement. However, we do not expect a further Polish response, as U/S Waszczykowski has already addressed the substance of the demarche.

¶3. (U) Informal Embassy translation of the Polish MFA statement follows:

Communiqu of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland regarding the nuclear test conducted on October 9, 2006 by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

October 9, 2006

In connection with the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on October 9, 2006, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland wishes to express its deepest concern and disappointment with the North Korean authorities' decision. Poland fully supports the EU Presidency's statement on this issue.

The test that was conducted constitutes an unprecedented threat to peace and stability in the region and to the international system of non-proliferation and arms control. Its direct consequence can only be a deepened isolation of North Korea and a further deterioration of the living standard of its citizens.

In this situation, the Polish MFA calls upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to immediately return to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to

establish conditions that will enable inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency to be present again on its territory. The Polish MFA also appeals to the North Korean authorities to make an immediate decision on the return to the Six Party talks and to implement the provisions of the Joint Statement of the parties that was issued at the end of the fourth round of these talks in September 2005. In the Ministry's opinion, the Six Party talks still remain the best formula for solving the nuclear problem on the Korean Peninsula.

Poland, taking into account more than fifty years of engagement on the Korean Peninsula, and in particular its uninterrupted participation in the activities of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea, is particularly interested in the continuation of actions aimed at maintaining peace and stability in the region of North-Eastern Asia.

The situation on the Korean Peninsula was the topic of a conversation of the North Korean Ambassador at the Polish MFA today.

Andrzej Sados, MFA's Press Spokesman

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